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IN THE ABSTRACT

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Location-associated events, such as the availability for collection at business premises of items previously ordered by a customer, are monitored by storing a descriptor of the event of interest to the customer, the descriptor being stored, for example, in a third-party service system by the business concerned. The descriptor explicitly or implicitly includes details of the parties and the location of the premises. Subsequently, when the customer comes near the business premises, the service system determines a match with the event descriptor and thereupon carries out an event status check using status data provided by the business. The result of the status check is reported to the customer.